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Suffolk County Legislature Al Krupski Secures Funding for the Extension of EPCAL Path

The Suffolk County Legislature has unanimously approved the appropriation of \$200,000 for the expansion of the EPCAL Bicycle and Recreational Path located at the former Grumman site in Calverton. Legislator Al Krupski, who represents the First District, sponsored the legislation which will enable the Town of Riverhead to expand the existing three-mile non-motorized recreational trail to over eight miles.

"Getting people off dangerous roadways is critical and the EPCAL Path offers a safe, off road alternative for bicyclists, runners and walkers," said Legislator Krupski. "This is a smart investment for Suffolk County because the path will be open to all of its residents and will attract visitors to the East End."

Riverhead Councilwoman Jodi Giglio, who has working with the town's Alternative Transportation Committee to see the project come to fruition, stated "I want to thank County Executive Steve Bellone, the entire Suffolk County Legislature and especially Legislator Al Krupski, for recognizing what a jewel this trail is for all residents, of all abilities, to enjoy."

According to Alternative Transportation Committee member George Bartunek, he began working on the EPCAL Path in 2006 while serving on the Riverhead Town Board "This is a great asset for the entire community" said Mr. Bartunek, "the county funding will allow improvements to existing roadways which will create a loop path that can be used all year round for a number of activities such as cross country skiing in the winter months."

Once completed, the EPCAL Path will be one of the longest asphalted trails in Suffolk County. Work on the path is expected to begin sometime in 2015.